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Nov. 11, 1995

The Honorable James V. Hansen
Chairman, House Resources Subcommittee
on National Parks, Forests and Lands
812 O'Neill House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: H.R. 2528

Dear Chairman Hansen:

I was first introduced to the Mineral King area in 1966 by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Koch, cabin owners at Mineral King. Since that time, I have taken either a boy scout troop or a church troop into the Mineral King back country every year. As a physical education instructor, I also have taken groups of junior high school students to Mineral King where I taught them a backpacking course. We have often found the campgrounds full, but have always been able to get a space to camp because of the generosity of the cabin owners at Mineral King. Three boys have earned Eagle Scout awards by helping the park rangers do environmental protective projects in the Mineral King area. Literally, many hundreds of youngsters have used the cabins at Mineral King as a base camp to enjoy the beauties of nature and discover the joy of backpacking. This is due to the fact that many cabins owners generously and willingly opened their cabins to these groups. We tried for many years to get a permit for a group to hike to Mt. Whitney from the Lone Pine side, but it was futile. We have never failed to obtain a permit to hike to Mt. Whitney from Mineral King.

I urge your support of H.R. 2528, a bill that will preserve the cabins that have been a part of the scene at Mineral King, some of them for more than 100 years. Please include this letter in the record of the hearing being held on November 14, 1995 by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Tovey

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